

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 14844 122045Z

64

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-15 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 ACDA-19 NIC-01 SAJ-01 CU-04 SCI-06 EB-11

DRC-01 /160 W

----- 090711

R 122010Z OCT 73

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8012

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION BERLIN

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14844

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: GW, GE, PFOR, UK, FR

SUBJECT: FURTHER INFORMATION ON OCTOBER 4 BAHR-KOHL TALKS

REF: BONN 14728

SUMMARY: IN OCTOBER 12 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (KASTRUP) REPORTED IN SOME DETAIL ON OCTOBER 4 BAHR/KOHL TALKS. GDS CLEARLY PREPARED TO WAIT OUT FRG ON EXCHANGE OF PERMANENT REPS. KOHL RAISED POSSIBLE REGISTRATION OF GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY WITH UN, COMPLAINED ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECISION ON THE TREATY, AND STUCK TO OLD POSITION REGARDING SPORTS EXCHANGES. IT WAS AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT TALKS ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS, ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ON CULTURE AND RADIO AND TV BROADCASTING COULD BEGIN IN NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY

1. AT OCTOBER 4 MEETING KOHL EMPHASIZED THAT GDR HAD REACHED ITS FINAL POSITION, WHICH HAD BEEN CONSULTED WITH USSR, ON EXCHANGE OF PERMANENT REPS. KOHL SAID GDR WAS READY TO MAKE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 14844 122045Z

CONCESSIONS ON FOUR POINTS: A) PERM REPRESENTATION WOULD

NOT BE "EMBASSY"; B) CHIEF PERM REP WOULD NOT BE "AMBASSADOR"; C) GDR WOULD AGREE TO "TEMPORARY" ACCREDITATION OF PERM REP TO CHANCERY; AND D) FEDERAL CHANCELLOR COULD SIGN CREDENTIALS OF FRG PERM REP. KOHL SAID THAT IN MAKING THESE CONCESSIONS THE GDR HAD TAKEN ACCOUNT OF SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP, BUT THAT GDR WOULD NOT CHANGE ITS POSITION RE FINAL ACCREDITATION TO FONOFF. KOHL CLEARLY IMPLIED THAT GDR PREPARED TO WAIT ON EXCHANGE UNTIL FRG READY "TO LIVE WITH THIS REALITY." COMMENT: KOHL'S OFFER OF "CONCESSIONS" SEEMS TO BE MERELY RECAPITULATION OF EARLIER AGREEMENTS WORKED OUT, WITH EXCEPTION OF POINT (C) ON "TEMPORARY" ACCREDITATION. THIS LATTER, HOWEVER IS NOT MUCH OF A CONCESSION SINCE FINAL ACCREDITATION MUST BE TO FONOFF.

2. KOHL THEN PROPOSED EARLY REGISTRATION OF BASIC TREATY WITH UN NOTING THAT UN CHARTER PROVIDED FOR REGISTRATION BY ANY SIGNATORY STATE BUT SUGGESTING THAT FRG AND GDR FOLLOW COMMON PROCEDURE. KOHL FURTHER PROPOSED THAT ONLY THOSE DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE REFERRED TO IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES SHOULD BE REGISTERED. KASTRUP REPORTED THAT BAHR RESERVED POSITION ON THIS QUESTION. KASTRUP SAID HE THOUGHT THE FRG WOULD "MOST PROBABLY" TRY TO KILL THIS PROPOSAL BY TELLING GDR THAT LETTER ON GERMAN UNITY WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN ANY SUCH REGISTRATION.

3. KOHL COMPLAINED TO BAHR ON TWO OTHER ISSUES, KASTRUP SAID. HE USED OLD ARGUMENTATION TO CRITICIZE THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT'S DECISION ON THE GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY, AND HE TOLD BAHR THE GDR WAS IN NO POSITION TO GO AHEAD ON SPORTS EXCHANGES, STICKING TO THE LINE THAT INCLUSION OF PARTICIPANTS FROM WEST BERLIN WAS UNACCEPTABLE.

4. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT TALKS COULD BEGIN IN NOVEMBER ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS, AND ON CULTURE AND RADIO AND TV BROADCASTING. HOWEVER, NO FINAL DECISION AS TO DATE OF ACTUAL INITIATION OF THESE TALKS HAS YET BEEN MADE. RESPONDING TO US REP'S QUESTION AS TO HOW WEST BERLIN WOULD BE HANDLED IN THESE TALKS, FRG REP SAID THAT BONN'S POSITION IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO AGREEMENTS WITHOUT INCLUSION OF WEST BERLIN. THIS STAND, HE ADDED, HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO GDR IN EARLIER TALKS ON HEALTH AND POSTAL MATTERS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BONN 14844 122045Z

AND AS LATE AS OCTOBER 11 DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON LEGAL RELATIONS.

5. READING FROM BAHR'S REPORT, KASTRUP GAVE BAHR'S OVERALL IMPRESSION OF MEETING: "ACCORDING TO MY EXPERIENCE I CANNOT SEE ANY CHANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT (ON EXCHANGE OF PERM REPS) WITHIN NEXT SIX MONTHS. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT THE GDR, ON THE SPORTS MATTER, IS WAITING FOR THE RESULTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S TALKS ON BERLIN MATTERS WITH THE USSR." THE FRENCH,

WITH THE UK NOT FAR BEHIND, IMMEDIATELY PRESSED FOR INFORMATION
ON ANY FRG CHANGE IN VIEW ON ARRIVAL IN EAST BERLIN OF FRENCH
AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS, SAYING EARLIER FRG DESIRE TO HAVE
BONN'S REP IN PLACE FIRST WAS, BECAUSE OF BAHR'S CONCLUSION,
"PROBABLY CHANGED NOW." KASTRUP SAID HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION
TO REPLY AT PRESENT BUT HE WAS CLEARLY DISCOMFITED.
HILLENBRAND

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973BONN14844
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS HILLENBRAND
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731036/aaaabanb.tel
Line Count: 122
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: BONN 14728
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01-Aug-2001 by boyleja>; APPROVED <20-Sep-2001 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FURTHER INFORMATION ON OCTOBER 4 BAHR-KOHL TALKS
TAGS: PFOR, GE, GC, UK, FR
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005